

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF)	
)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
COURT SECURITY)	NO. 93-069
_____)	

Pursuant to Administrative Order 93-069, issued September 21, 1993, and adoption by the superior court judges on January 5, 1994, it is

ORDERED rescinding Administrative Order 93-069.

ORDERED that the following "SECURITY ENHANCEMENT POLICY" is hereby the policy of the Court Institution in Maricopa County as stated in said policy.

SECURITY ENHANCEMENT POLICY

(A) Relocation of Security Screening Stations

A crucial part of the security enhancement policy is the reconfiguration of the security screening stations in the downtown complex, the East Court Building (ECB), Central Court Building (CCB), and West Court Building (WCB).

! The screening stations will be moved to provide a security net for all of these buildings (WCB, ECB and CCB).

! Appropriate methods of providing Board of Supervisors and other appropriate persons access from the entrance to the WCB along the hallway and into the Supervisor's Auditorium will be provided.

! The Jefferson Street entrance to the ECB will be closed along with several other access points in the three buildings. Electronic locking devices will be installed on these doors. These locks will release only when emergency evacuation procedures are in effect (fire, etc.).

! The Jefferson Street entrance to the ECB will be reopened when sufficient dollars are available for screening stations at that location.

! A contract security guard will be stationed on the bridge during peak traffic hours to ensure that only properly credentialed employees enter the court complex (2 hours in the morning; 2 hours at noon).

! The current division security system will be activated at the SE complex. (Individuals wishing to gain access to chamber areas will have to be granted access).

(B) After Hours Security

The problems with after hours security in the court complex are recognized. In order to improve the coordination and operation of after hours security, the Superior Court's security staff will continue efforts to assume full responsibility for all security programs and procedures.

! The installation of a manned night desk to monitor and control the movement of authorized individuals within the court complex after hours, when appropriate and feasible.

! The Court Administrator's Office will continue efforts to unify security procedures within the court complex.

(C) Bypass Policies

The Bypass Program will be revisited at a later date once the screening stations have been moved.

(D) No Weapons Policy

No persons will be permitted within the Superior Court building with any type of weapon.

! Members of the public will be required to pass through the security screening. All persons carrying weapons as defined by the Court Security Department will be prohibited from entering the court complex until the weapon has been removed from the building or otherwise secured by security personnel.

! Members of law enforcement agencies present in the

court house are subject to the exceptions and requirements as set forth in sections (E) and (F).

- ! Court personnel and others with court approved identification cards may bypass security screening.

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(E) Law Enforcement Weapons Policy

Law enforcement officers will check and secure their weapons upon entering the complex except in the following instances:

1. When they are present pursuant to court order or subpoena in a criminal matter, upon display of the order or subpoena to the security officials. In that case they may bypass the security screening station and proceed to the appropriate court with their weapon(s).
2. In non-criminal matters, upon written order of the court, a law enforcement officer may bypass security screening and proceed to the appropriate court with his/her weapon.
3. When a law enforcement officer or state investigator or agency contacts the court that a protected witness is to be escorted to court, the officers may bypass the security screening station and proceed to the appropriate court with their weapons, upon the court making advance contact and arrangements with the security office.

(F) Law Enforcement Officers on Personal Business at Court

All law enforcement personnel appearing in or for personal litigation or other personal business in the Municipal Courts, Justice of the Peace Courts, and the Superior Court in Maricopa County, shall not possess any weapon of any nature or kind; shall not wear their officially sanctioned uniform; shall not use their law enforcement identification to bypass any security measures in the Municipal Courts, Justice of the Peace

Courts, or the Superior Court in Maricopa County; shall pass through any court required security screening devices or procedures as required of any other non-law enforcement person who do not possess a security bypass identification card; and shall otherwise comply with their agency's policy regarding this subject matter.

Done and effective on January 5, 1994.

C. Kimball Rose,
Presiding Judge